

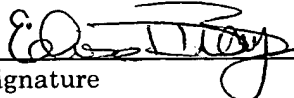
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Docket No. : 45224/TJD/O125

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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED   |                                  |                         |                     |                   |                   |         |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|
|   | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Paid For | Number Extra Claims | Small Entity Rate | Large Entity Rate | FEE     |
| Total Claims Fee  | 35                               | * 35                    | 0                   | x \$9.00          | x \$18.00         | -0-     |
| Independent Claims  | 5                                | ** 4                    | 0                   | x \$42.00         | 1 x \$84.00       | 84.00   |
| Multiple Dependent Claims ***   |                                  |                         |                     | \$140.00          | \$280.00          | -0-     |
| TOTAL FILING FEE  |                                  |                         |                     |                   |                   | \$84.00 |
| NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****   | IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"   |                         |                     |                   |                   |         |
| LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 12, 15, 26 and 28   |                                  |                         |                     |                   |                   |         |
| * IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3<br>** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3<br>*** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME<br>**** IF NO FEE REQUIRED, ADDRESS ENVELOPE TO "BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS" |                                  |                         |                     |                   |                   |         |

- ☒ Attached is our check for \$84.00 to pay the fees calculated above.  
☒ A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.  
☒ Other enclosures: Transmittal of Red-Line Drawings

**Amendment Transmittal Letter**  
**Application No. 09/882,154**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of November 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 to 12, 15, 17 to 20, 26 and 28. All of pending claims 1 to 35 follow.

1. (Amended) A method for separating a slip sheet from a plate comprising:
- directing gas at the plate interface with the slip sheet to create a layer of gas between the plate and the slip sheet; and
  - directing pulses of gas at the slip sheet to blow the slip sheet into a discarded slip sheet area.

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